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PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNAVOIDABLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)		Docket Number (Optional) 14846 (VTN-551)
First Named Inventor: Olin Calvin, et al.	Art Unit: 1722	
Application Number: 09/923,562	Examiner: Donald H. Heckenberg	
Filed: August 9, 2001		
Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR HANDLING LENS CARRIERS		
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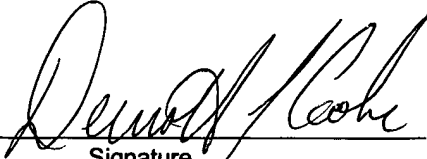
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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF UNAVOIDABLY ABANDONED  
APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(a)**

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 15, 2003,  
Applicants' submit this Petition for Revival of Unavoidably Abandoned Application  
Under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(a). Neither Applicants nor their represented received the  
December 15, 2003 Office Action until July 14, 2004, well after the statutory time for  
response to the Office Action, including all available extensions of time, had expired.

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The appropriate fee and an Amendment in reply to the Office Action accompany this Petition. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request revival of the above-identified application, and entry of the Amendment attached hereto, as failure to timely reply to the Office Action was unavoidable due to Applicants' untimely receipt of the Office Action through no fault of the Applicants or their representative as set forth in more detail in the following Remarks.

### **REMARKS**

This application was filed on August 9, 2001, and was accorded U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/923,562. A Restriction Requirement was imposed in an Office Action dated September 2, 2003 for this Application. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants filed a Response to Restriction Requirement dated October 2, 2003 provisionally electing Group III, i.e., claims 7-19. Thereafter, no further written or oral communication occurred between the U.S. Patent Office and the Applicants or Applicants' representative until after June 15, 2004, at which time the U.S.P.T.O Examiner responsible for this application contacted Applicants' representative to inquire whether Applicants' intended to file a response to an Office Action purportedly mailed December 15, 2003. Neither Applicants nor Applicants' representative had knowledge or receipt of the December 15, 2003 Office Action. The statutory time to respond to the December 15, 2003 Office Action, including allowable extensions of time to respond, expired on June 15, 2003. The Application went abandoned as a result. Applicants' representative requested a copy of the December 15, 2003 Office Action and on July 14, 2004 a copy of the December 15, 2003 Office Action was faxed to Applicants' representative.

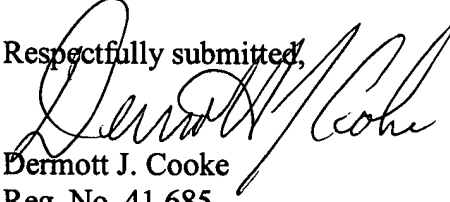
An Amendment in reply to the December 15, 2003 Office Action has been prepared for entry into the record of this application upon revival thereof pursuant to this Petition. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.137(a), a copy of the Amendment is enclosed herewith. The fee for this petition, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(l), is also enclosed.

Applicant's representative hereby states that, after reasonable inquiry under the circumstances, the entire delay in filing the required reply to the outstanding Office Action, from

the due date of the reply until the filing of this petition, was unavoidable due to the untimely receipt of the December 15, 2003 Office Action.

Because the instant utility application was filed after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants' respectfully requests that this petition be granted, and the Amendment submitted herewith be entered. Applicants' further kindly requests an early indication of the same.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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